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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Vaughan, et al.

Serial No.: 08/877,684

Filed: June 17, 1997

Title: Supported Late Transition Metal
Catalyst Systems

§ BEFORE THE EXAMINER:

§§ James W. Pasterczyk

§§ Group Art Unit No.: 1755

§§ Attorney Docket No.: 96B035/2

§§ Baytown, Texas
§§ Customer No. 23455

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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

This reply is submitted in response to the Office Action dated as mailed November 17, 2003. A petition for an extension of time is being filed simultaneously herewith. The Examiner is advised that a Notice of Appeal is also being filed simultaneously herewith in order to preserve the Applicants' rights. However, should the Examiner honor the Applicants' request for a withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action, the fees should be credited to the Deposit Account listed on the Notice of Appeal.

Kindly amend the application as follows thereby putting the application in better form for consideration on appeal. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.